

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Arthur Crawford on 8/17/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, in the last line 'average particle size' is replaced with 'average particle length'.

In claim 2, line 2 'average particle size' is replaced with 'average particle length'.

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In claim 3, line ²/₇ 'average particle size' is replaced with 'average particle length'.

In claim 18, in the last line 'average particle size' is replaced with 'average particle length'.

In claim 20, line 8 'average particle size' is replaced with 'average particle length'.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The examiner found it was not known in the art to make pig's hair to alkaline oxidation, drying and formation into particles with a length from 0.5 to 4 mm. The examiner further found it was not known or obvious in the art to combine said particles with cellulosic fibers to make paper pulp and paper based products.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue